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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-202; Section 63-13-204 and Section 63-13-205, relative to the practice of occupational therapy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-204, is amended by adding a new subsection (d) as follows:

(d) Each person licensed as an occupational therapist in accordance with this chapter is required to attend and complete each year (except in the initial year of licensure) such number of board-approved continuing education courses as are approved by the board, subject to a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of fifteen (15) clock hours. Sponsors of such courses shall submit a sufficient description of the course content to the board in order to gain approval. The board may approve all, part or none of the course at its discretion. Additional procedures for implementing this requirement may be adopted by the board in its regulations. The board may waive all or part of the continuing education requirements in unusual situations in which the applicant for renewal has demonstrated an inability to attend such courses not attributable to the fault of the applicant. The board shall have discretion to require completion of continuing

education courses of a type and number of hours satisfactory to the board in cases involving license renewal of occupational therapists who have not been actively practicing or have been retired from practice for more than two (2) years. The board may, but is not required to, monitor or verify a certificate of completion submitted by applicants for license renewal. In its discretion, by random sample or in individual cases, the board may require proof of attendance or otherwise investigate compliance with this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.